

FINE POSTS TO FILL

PRESIDENT WILSON WILL HAVE SOME FAT JOBS

NOT IN CIVIL SERVICE

Congressman Joseph T. Johnson, of this State, expresses himself very plainly on the matter, saying that the present system is a mere Republican pretense.

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At a time when every consular office probably was filled by a Republican, the Republican Administration made a pretense of taking the consular service out of politics and putting it on the merit system. Since that time a few Democrats from the Southern States have been permitted to stand by rigid examinations as to their scholarship, and where they passed successfully have been appointed to some of the consulates of the lowest grade.

For instance, from South Carolina, Dreher, Haskell, Cook and Jenkins have been appointed to \$2,000 posts, which is the minimum salary. After a year or two in these undesirable places, two or three of these men have been promoted to have been advanced to \$2,500; Cook remains at \$2,000. It would be many years before any of these Democrats of the low grade could ever reach any one of the high and desirable places, if the Republican who now fill them are permitted to remain until they die out.

"I think President Wilson would be perfectly justified in upsetting such a partisan, unfair and sectional arrangement. If the places had not all been filled in the most partisan and sectional manner it would be all right to take the consular service out of politics and place it upon merit. But one serious objection to the form of examinations that have been conducted here in Washington is that the examinations require men of very high literary attainment, and would bar some of the very best business men in South Carolina. How many of the very best business men in South Carolina, who could be instrumental in extending our foreign trade, can speak twenty-two languages? And yet that is one of the prerequisites to appointment as consul.

"It may be of interest to you to know who fill the most important consular offices. Let me give you the posts, their respective salaries, the persons who fill them and the States they hail from in the consular service in the grades from \$5,000 a year up to \$12,000 a year:

London, \$12,000, Griffiths, New York State.
Liverpool, \$8,000, Washington, District of Columbia.
Paris, \$12,000, Mason, Ohio.
Rio de Janeiro, \$8,000, Lay, District of Columbia.
Shanghai, \$8,000, Wilder, Maine.
Havana, \$8,000, Rodgers, Ohio.
Hong Kong, \$8,000, Anderson, District of Columbia.
Berlin, \$8,000, Thacker, Pennsylvania.
Hamburg, \$8,000, Skinner, Ohio.
Vienna, \$8,000, Denby, Indiana.
Calcutta, \$6,000, Michael, Ohio.
Capetown, \$6,000, Guenther, Wisconsin.
Manchester, \$6,000, Howe, Massachusetts.
Yokohama, \$6,000, Simmons, New Bedford, \$5,000, Sharp, North Carolina.
Kobe, \$5,000, West, Maine.
Amsterdam, \$5,000, Mahin, Iowa.
Lorenzo Marquez, \$5,000, Chamberlain, New Mexico.
This is enough. It is not necessary to go through the long list of \$4,500, \$4,000 and \$3,500 places. Suffice it to say that practically all of these desirable berths are filled by Republican politicians."

Montreal, \$6,000, Bradley, Illinois.
Ottawa, \$6,000, Foster, Vermont.
Mexico, \$6,000, Shanks, Missouri.
Constantinople, \$6,000, Randall, South Dakota.
Antwerp, \$5,500, Diederich, Pennsylvania.
Brussels, \$5,500, Watts, Pennsylvania.
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Manila, \$5,500, Gaulin, Rhode Island.

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DISCOVERED IN ASHLEY RIVER NEAR A RICE MILL

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WANTS TO BE JUDGE

Friends of Octavius Cohen, Esq., Urge His Claims.

A letter from Moncks Corner to The News and Courier says "a statement which has appeared in some of the newspapers of the State to the effect that P. T. Hildebrand, Esq., of Orangeburg, solicitor of the 1st circuit, and M. S. Connor, Esq., of the 2d circuit, are the only candidates for the Judgeship of the 1st circuit, made vacant by the resignation of the Hon. Robert E. Copes, is incorrect. The statement bore a St. George date line.

Berkeley County has, and has had, a candidate for the Judgeship in the person of Octavius Cohen, Esq., of Moncks Corner, who also maintains an office in Charleston. Mr. Cohen's friends believe that he is far in the lead in the race and that he will be elected. In consenting to permit his name to be used in this connection, Mr. Cohen is making a great sacrifice in a monetary way, and his friends at Moncks Corner and at Charleston, appreciating that fact, are doing all in their power to bring his candidacy to a successful conclusion. Aside from members of the Berkeley County Bar and county officials, who have endorsed Mr. Cohen's candidacy, he is endorsed by many members of the Charleston Bar.

MAN BURNED TO DEATH

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A LEAF FROM PAST

SENATOR MCLAURIN TO STAND-ARD OIL MAGNATE

WRITES A LONG LETTER

He Warns John D. Archibald That Roosevelt Said Some Day He Hoped to Take a Fall Out of the Standard Oil Gang.

Standard Oil letters being published in Hearst's Magazine are getting more interesting to South Carolinians because they are coming closer home. After disposing of Joseph Sibley, of Pennsylvania, a member of the House of Representatives, and Boise Penrose, a former senator from the same state, and after showing their relations with the great trust, Mr. Hearst pointed out how the Standard Oil people were endeavoring to control legislation and how large donations were made to campaign funds.

Collier's Weekly branded these Hearst letters as forgeries, but on the witness stand, before the Clapp investigating committee, Mr. Archibald admitted their genuineness. John Lowndes McLaurin, of Bennettsville, South Carolina, was a United States senator up until 1904 and in the December issue of Hearst's Magazine appears a photograph of a letter, written by hand by this ex-senator to John D. Archibald and marked on the upper left hand corner "Confidential," which word is underscored. The letter follows:

Confidential. Bennettsville, S. C. September 30, 1904.

Dear Mr. Archibald:—In the same mail by which your letter came, was one that I wish to quote a few sentences from apropos your remarks about Mr. K—.

The writer of the letter was employed in a confidential way by Senator Hanna in matters of importance. He is a shrewd, close observer, not over-circumspect, but a very intelligent man, whose public experience and acquaintance is wide. I knew him well in Washington and when he saw my article in the "Sun," he wrote me a long letter indulging in some unexpected criticisms of the president, to which I replied combating his position. He says in part, viz.,

I know the man, his desires and ambitions, and I can say to you with a feeling of absolute confidence, that if he succeeds himself, there will be within eighteen months after the 4th of March, an attack of corporate interests as will produce a condition of unparalleled disturbance among our people. Reading on Sunday afternoon I may add a remark that I heard him (Roosevelt) make, that he hoped some day "to be able to fall out of that Standard Oil gang," and if he succeeds himself mark my words he'll try to make good his statement, as he believes that it will appeal to the masses and keep him in the center of the stage."

I thought it might be a friendly act to copy this and give it to you in strict confidence; from my isolated position I can't say whether it is worth the ink or not. It will show anyway that I am not unmindful of your various kind actions toward me. Many thanks for your hopeful predictions for the future, and I trust they may be true. I regret inexpressibly that I cannot be in Washington for the next few years, but fate has decreed, it seems, that I shall merely sniff the odor of battle instead of enjoying the actual clash of arms.

A man who gets into politics at twenty-one as I did, is never fit for anything else, because he can never put his soul into tamer pursuits, and he is liable to find himself at forty stranded like a old hulk on the shores of the political sea, suffering from that worst of ills, "a waste of powers unemployed." With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,
Jno. Lowndes McLaurin.

To Mr. Jno. D. Archibald, New York.

Commenting on the McLaurin letter Mr. Hearst says:

"Senator McLaurin was one of the Hanna, Bailey, Penrose, Quay crowd of associated Standard Oil cronies. He is not 'unmindful of Mr. Archibald's various kind actions' toward him; and he writes in the strictest confidence which characterizes the communications of all these corporate attaches.

"Mr. Archibald had evidently written Senator McLaurin, expressing his opinion of Mr. Roosevelt, and the senator is encouraged by this frank and obviously not flattering opinion of 'a very intelligent man' of his acquaintances.

"This man had served Senator Hanna 'in a confidential way,' and was 'not over-circumspect'—as no one could be who served Hanna and his Standard Oil masters. That the man was, however, 'shrewd, close observer' is borne out by his warning which Senator McLaurin forwards to Mr. Archibald as a 'friendly act'."

"The 'intelligent man' warns Senator McLaurin that he heard Mr. Roosevelt make the remark 'that he hoped some day to be able to take a fall out of that Standard Oil gang,' continues this prophetic person and close observer, 'if he succeeds himself, mark my words, he will try to make good this statement.'"

"The intelligence of this 'confidential and not over-circumspect man' seems to be sustained by the fact that Mr. Roosevelt surely did take a fall out of the Standard Oil gang, and also by a further prophetic prediction which also came true except as regards definite dates.

"I can say with a feeling of absolute confidence," declares this prophet of evil, "that if he succeeds himself there will be within eighteen months such an attack upon corporate interests as will produce a condition of unparalleled disturbance among our people."

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LOST BROTHER FOUND

TWO BROTHERS TO MEET AFTER LONG SEPARATION.

Article by the Son of One of Them in the Newspapers Brought the Two Together.

The State says in a month or so Rev. C. E. Weltner, pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran church, Olympia, Wash., will have as a visitor his brother, Henry Weltner, whom he has not until recently heard of since 1870. A romance arises out of the coming meeting of the two brothers, brought about by a newspaper article written by a son of one and read by a son of the other.

Henry Weltner, aged, then, about 16 years, left Germany in 1868 and came to America. In 1870, longing for his native land and his loved ones, he paid a visit to his brother, who was then a young man, and so later he left Germany again for this country and up to six months ago had never been seen or heard from.

In the meantime Rev. C. E. Weltner had come to this country, locating in New York, thence moving to Augusta in 1893 and to Columbia in 1906. He married in New York. His only son, one of five children, has since located in Atlanta, and through work there in connection with the prisons of the State of Georgia has won much public commendation and space in the public press.

A special newspaper article on the views of Philip Weltner in regard to the prisoners in the Georgia prisons was recently given widespread circulation. It happened that a copy fell into the hands of one Otto Weltner of Carr county, Texas, who became interested in it because he agreed with the opinions advanced therein and because the name Weltner meant much to him.

This Otto Weltner, as it turned out proved to be the only son of Henry Weltner, long lost, and brother of Rev. C. E. Weltner of that city. Communication had been the means of establishing the identities. And when Rev. C. E. Weltner receives his brother in a few weeks the occasion will be a happy one.

STIRRED WIFE'S SCORN.

When Husband Cut Her Off From His Bed and Board.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN—My having left my bed and board I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by her after this date.

That advertisement, inserted by Edgar Bots Marshall of Newton, N. J., appeared in a paper there last Saturday.

Recently this advertisement appeared:

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN—After reading a few lines contained in the columns of your paper in regard to myself I beg to differ with the author. In the first place, how could I leave my beloved husband, bed and board as included in the which I slept, including the ancient feather tick and a few board slats are the property of his aged father?

A straw tick is also included in the make-up, the covering of which I purchased myself with the income from my flock of chickens, which I worked hard to raise. If I am not awfully mistaken my beloved husband furnished the few bundles of straw contained therein, hence I left as bed of straw.

I also beg to announce that I have furnished a greater part of the board for my father-in-law, for myself and poor mother was laid in her grave, therefore, how could I leave his board? I also took in sewing and kept boarders to help sustain my faithful husband.

Will no longer be responsible for any debts contracted by my husband.

Grace Brundage Marshall, Beloved wife of Edgar Potts Marshall.

PEACE ALMOST IN SIGHT.

Turkey and the Balkan States Coming to Peace Terms.

The protocol arranging an armistice was signed late Tuesday evening by the Turkish and Bulgarian representatives at Sofia. Prior to this there had been a long sitting of the Turkish council of ministers to consider fresh proposals submitted by the allies. Apparently the Greek delegates did not sign the protocol.

Terms of the armistice as accepted by Bulgaria provides that the "truce shall continue during the entire period of the peace negotiations. Turkey is to have the right of re-occupying all her besieged forces and all the detached bodies of Ottoman troops remaining in Macedonia and elsewhere as well as the Turkish populations in various parts of the theatre of war.

The allied Balkan nations are to furnish safe conduct for the retreating parties, and the Ottoman convoys are to be permitted to pass, if necessary, through forces of the allies. The blockade of the Aegean and Adriatic coasts of European Turkey is to be raised. These terms are considered generous.

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Bethel—J. W. Neely.
Antreville—P. K. Rhoad.
Calhoun Falls—to be supplied.
Clemson—P. A. Murray.
Central—A. V. Harbin.
Honea Path—S. T. Blackman.
Lowndesville—J. C. Chandler.
McCormick—P. B. Ingraham.
Pecker—A. S. Sasser.
Pendleton—N. G. Ballew.
Star—J. L. Singleton.
Towerville—W. S. Meyer.
Walhalla—C. M. Lawson.
Westminster—M. W. Brooks.
Williamston and Belton—J. L. Stokes.

Williamston Circuit—J. O. Burnett.

Charleston District.
J. W. Daniel, presiding elder.
Allendale—J. W. Welling.
Applenton—E. Z. James.
Beaufort and Port Royal—J. H. Noland.

Bethel Circuit—R. C. Boulware.
Black Swamp—J. H. Brown.
Charleston—Bethel, P. B. Wells.
Crinity, R. S. Truesdale; Spring Street, M. Auld; Hampden Square, J. T. Peeler; Young's Island, B. R. Ulmer.

Cottageville—W. V. Dibble.
Cypress—M. W. McLendon.
Ehrhardt—J. C. Hutchinson.
Estill—J. L. Ingraham.
Hampton—L. W. Johnson.
Hendersonville—W. A. Kirby.
Lodge—W. P. Meadows, Jr.
Ridgely—J. W. Elkin.
Ridgelyville—J. E. Carher.
South Hampton—D. N. Busby.
Summerville—J. W. Lewis.
Walterboro—W. A. Fairly.

Columbia District.
W. M. Duncan, presiding elder.
Aiken—H. Estridge.
Aiken Circuit—D. E. Jeffcoat.
Batesburg—J. E. Mahaffy.
Bath and Langley—S. W. Danner.
Columbia—Washington Street, S. A. Steele; Main Street, T. G. Herbert; Green Street, D. W. Keller; Whaling Street, J. H. Thacker; Brookland, W. C. Winn; Edgewood, J. K. Inabnet; Shandon, L. D. Gillespie.

Edgefield—J. R. Walker.
Fairfield—C. M. Peeler.
Gilbert—L. E. Peeler.
Granville—C. S. Felder.
Johnston—E. H. Beckham.
Leesville—A. E. Driggers.
Lexington—J. E. Rushton.
Leesville Circuit—J. A. Graham.
Lexington Fork—C. W. Burgess.
North Augusta—C. E. Peele.
Ridgely—J. P. Winningham.
Springfield—S. H. Booth.
Swansea—W. H. Whitaker.
Wagner—W. D. Quick.
Columbia College—W. W. Daniel.
Spartanburg—W. B. Wharton.

Cokesbury District.
W. P. Meadors, presiding elder.
Abbeville—G. C. Leonard.
Abbeville Circuit—W. H. Murray.
Butler—F. G. Whitlock.
Cokesbury—G. F. Clarkson.
Greenwood—Main Street, J. W. Kilgo; Greenwood mills, J. B. Connelley; Greenwood circuit, W. T. Wharton.

Kinards—W. R. Bauknight.
Newberry—Central, J. E. Carlisle.
O'Neal Station—A. M. Gordon.
Newberry circuit, O. A. Jeffcoat.
Ninety Six—F. E. Dibble.
Parkville—B. H. Crompton.
Phoenix—J. H. Manly.
Prosperity—S. C. Morris.
Princeton—R. F. Morris.
Saluda—E. P. Taylor.
Waterloo—J. T. Miller.
Whitman—J. M. Friday.

Walter College—President, J. O. Wilson; professor, R. O. Lawton; agent, R. A. Child.

Florence District.
W. A. Massabau, presiding elder.
Bennettsville—Peter Stokes.
Bennettsville circuit—M. W. Hook.
Brightsville—M. F. Dukes.
Bethlehem—J. F. Farr.
Cheraw—L. T. Harmon, Jr.
Chesterfield—L. T. Bedenbaugh.
Darlington—Trinity, B. R. Turnipseed; Ehrlich, A. A. Merritt.
Darlington circuit—R. W. Humphries.

East Chesterfield—T. B. Owen.
Florence—R. E. Turnipseed.
Hartsville—G. B. Murphy.
Jefferson—Fisher Sheer.
Lamar—B. M. Robertson.
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